

English rendering of PM's address at the launch of various development projects in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

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Brothers and sisters, greetings to all of you!

Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh, S. Abdul Nazeer ji; the popular and hardworking Chief Minister, Shri Chandrababu Naidu ji; Union Ministers K. Rammohan Naidu ji; Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani ji; Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma ji; Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan ji; Minister in the State Government Nara Lokesh ji; all other ministers; BJP State President P.V.N. Madhav ji; all Members of Parliament, MLAs, and my dear brothers and sisters who have gathered here in such large numbers to bless us!

First of all, I bow before Lord Narasimha Swamy of Ahobilam and Lord Mahanandishwara Swami of Mahanandi. I also seek the blessings of Guru Shri Raghavendra Swami of Mantralayam for all of us.

Friends,

In the recitation of the Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Stotram, it is said: That is, among the twelve Jyotirlingas, first is Lord Somnath and second is Lord Mallikarjuna. I am fortunate that I was born on the land of Somnath in Gujarat, have had the opportunity to serve on the sacred land of Kashi, the abode of Baba Vishwanath, and today I am receiving the blessings of Srisailem.

Friends,

After visiting Srisailem, I had the opportunity to visit the Shivaji Spoorthy Kendra and pay homage there. I also bow to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj from this platform. I pay my respects to Shiva devotees like Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi. I also bow reverently to the great freedom fighters like Shri Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy Garu and Hari Sarvothama Rao.

Friends,

Andhra Pradesh is a land of pride and culture, and at the same time, it is also a centre of science and innovation. It is a land of infinite potential and immense youth power. What Andhra needed was the right vision and the right leadership. Today, Andhra has that visionary leadership in the form of Chandrababu Naidu Garu and Pawan Kalyan Garu, along with the full support of the central government.

Friends,

In the last 16 months, the pace of development in Andhra Pradesh has been remarkably fast. unprecedented progress is taking place Under the double-engine government. Today, Delhi and Amaravati are moving forward together toward rapid development. And as Chandrababu rightly said, seeing this pace, I can confidently say that by 2047, when Bharat celebrates 100 years of independence, "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) will definitely be a reality. Just now, Chandrababu spoke with great emotion, and I can say with full conviction that the 21st century belongs to Bharat. This century belongs to the 140 crore people of Bharat.

Friends,

Even today, several projects related to roads, electricity, railways, highways, and trade have been inaugurated or their foundation stones laid. These projects will strengthen connectivity in the state, boost industry, and make people's lives easier. The Kurnool region and nearby areas will greatly benefit from these initiatives. I congratulate all the people of the state for these projects.

Friends,

Energy security is crucial for the development of any country or state. Today, a transmission project worth around 3,000 crore rupees has been launched here in the energy sector. This will further enhance the nation's energy capacity.

Friends,

Amidst rapid development, we must not forget the situation of the past. When the Congress government was at the Centre about 11 years ago, the per capita electricity consumption in the country was less than 1,000 units on average. The country often faced blackouts, and many villages didn't even have electric poles. Today, Bharat is setting new records in every sector from clean energy to total energy production. Electricity has now reached every village in the country. The per capita electricity usage has risen to 1,400 units, and there is enough electricity for both industries and households.

Friends,

Andhra Pradesh is one of the key centres of this energy revolution. Under Chandrababu's leadership, the Natural Gas Pipeline Project from Srikakulam to Angul has begun today. This pipeline will supply gas to nearly 15 lakh homes. An LPG bottling plant has been inaugurated in Chittoor today, with a daily capacity to fill 20,000 cylinders. This will create new jobs in local transport and storage sectors and provide fresh opportunities for the youth.

Friends,

Today, multi-modal infrastructure is being developed across the country to achieve the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' swiftly. We are focusing on connectivity from villages to cities, and from cities to ports. The new highway between Sabbavaram and Sheelanagar will further strengthen connectivity. A new era has begun in the railway sector too. With the launch of new railway lines and construction of rail flyovers, travel will become easier, and industries in this region will gain new momentum.

Friends,

Today, we have the resolve to build a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. This national mission is gaining new energy from the vision of a "Swarna (Golden) Andhra." We all know that when it comes to technology, Andhra Pradesh and its youth have always been at the forefront. We are further expanding Andhra's immense potential under the double-engine government.

Friends,

Today, the speed and scale of development in Bharat and Andhra Pradesh are being recognized by the entire world. Just two days ago, Google announced a major investment in Andhra Pradesh. Google is going to establish Bharat's first Artificial Intelligence Hub in Andhra Pradesh. And when I spoke with Google's CEO yesterday, he told me, "We have investments in many countries outside the United States, but our largest upcoming investment will be in Andhra Pradesh." This new AI Hub will include powerful AI infrastructure, data centre capacity, large-scale energy sources, and an expanded fiber-optic network.

Friends,

As part of Google's AI Hub investment, a new International Subsea Gateway will also be built. It will include multiple international subsea cables that will connect Bharat's eastern coast directly to Visakhapatnam.

Friends,

This project will establish Visakhapatnam as a global hub for AI and connectivity. It will serve not only Bharat but the entire world. I heartily congratulate the people of Andhra Pradesh for this achievement and deeply appreciate Chandrababu's visionary leadership.

Friends,

The development of Andhra Pradesh is essential for Bharat's development. And I firmly believe that the development of Rayalaseema is equally important for Andhra's growth. The projects that have begun today

on the land of Kurnool will open new doors of employment and prosperity in every district of Rayalaseema. These projects will accelerate industrial growth in the entire region.

Friends,

We must create new industrial corridors and hubs to ensure Andhra Pradesh's rapid progress. In this regard, the government is developing Orvakal and Kopparthi as new industrial identities of Andhra Pradesh. As investments in Orvakal and Kopparthi increase, new employment opportunities are continuously being created for the youth.

Friends,

Today, the world is looking at Bharat as the new manufacturing centre of the 21st century. The biggest foundation of this success is the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India). Our Andhra Pradesh is becoming one of the key centres of Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Friends,

The Congress governments caused harm not only to the state but to the entire nation by neglecting Andhra Pradesh's true potential. A state that could have led the nation's growth was made to struggle for its own development. I am happy that the picture of Andhra Pradesh is changing under the NDA government. Under the leadership of Chandrababu ji, Andhra Pradesh is emerging as a new powerhouse of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. Manufacturing is expanding rapidly across Andhra. The launch of the Advanced Night Vision Factory at Nimmaluru is yet another step toward achieving self-reliance in the defence sector. This factory will strengthen Bharat's capability to produce night vision equipment, missile sensors, and drone guard systems. The equipment made here will give a major boost to Bharat's defence exports. And we have already witnessed the strength of Bharat-made technologies during Operation Sindoor.

Friends,

I am glad that the Andhra government has resolved to make Kurnool the Drone Hub of Bharat. Through the drone industry, several new futuristic technology sectors will emerge in Kurnool and across Andhra Pradesh. As I mentioned, the remarkable performance of drones amazed the world during Operation Sindoor. In the times to come, Kurnool will become a major force for Bharat in the drone sector.

Friends,

Our government's vision is citizen-centric development! For this, we are continuously bringing reforms to make people's lives easier. Income up to 12 lakh rupees per year is completely tax-free in the country today. Initiatives like affordable medicines, low-cost healthcare, Ayushman cards for senior citizens have started a new chapter in ease of living.

Friends,

GST rates have also been significantly reduced from the very first day of Navratri. I am very pleased to see that, under the leadership of Nara Lokesh Garu, people here are celebrating the GST Bachat Utsav (Savings Festival). You are also successfully running the "Super GST – Super Savings" campaign. I have been informed that people of Andhra Pradesh will save over 8,000 crore rupees through the next-generation GST reforms. These savings have added to the festive cheer this season. But I also have one request. Let us celebrate this GST Bachat Utsav with the spirit of Vocal for Local!

Friends,

Only through a 'Viksit Andhra' (Developed Andhra) can we achieve the dream of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). Once again, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the people of Andhra Pradesh for all the new projects and initiatives. Join me in saying: Bharat Mata Ki Jai! Those two children have been holding up their paintings for a while. Our SPG team, please collect those from them. Yes, please collect them. Now, speak with me: Bharat Mata Ki Jai! Bharat Mata Ki Jai! Bharat Mata Ki Jai!

Thank you very much!

MJPS/VJ/VK

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